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Another Top-Three Performance for Klein in Milwaukee

Rookie Jonathan Klein posted his third-consecutive third-place Indy Pro Series finish Saturday at The Milwaukee Mile, conserving his car during the first half of the 100-lap event, then closing up on leaders Wade Cunningham and his Andretti Green Racing teammate Jaime Camara in the last 30 laps.

Starting on the inside of the second row, Klein gave up a position to Camara on Lap 3, but then caught and passed a fading Jay Howard on Lap 26. At mid-race, Klein continued to run third, 10.5 seconds behind the leader Cunningham. But by Lap 75 Klein had cut that gap in half and the 19-year-old continued to close on both Cunningham and Camara.

When the caution flag waved on Lap 94 for a crash by Tom Wood, Klein was just one second behind the leaders. The green flag waved for the final time on Lap 98 and Klein made a bid to pass both Camara and Cunningham, but fell just short, as Camara took his first victory of the season, and the second-consecutive IPS win this season for Sam Schmidt Motorsports.

Klein also finished third last weekend at Nashville and on the road course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. In addition, he has a trio of fifth-place finishes in his rookie IPS season.

Today's podium finish closes the gap in the IPS championship points standings, with Klein now just one point behind Bobby Wilson for second place, and 31 points behind teammate and championship-leader Howard.

Jonathan Klein, #27 Klein Tools/Turn-Key Forging & Design Dallara/Firestone Started 3rd, finished 3rd, third-consecutive 3rd place finish, 3rd in IPS points

"For the first half of the race, I just tried to conserve my car and tires and it paid off for us today. For the last 30 laps, I could see that [leader] Wade [Cunningham] was going loose and we were making up ground on him with every lap. I almost wish it hadn't gone yellow at the end; I might have had a better chance for the win. On the [Lap 98] restart, I followed Jaime [Camara] down low as he got alongside Wade. I tried to follow him through but Wade came down and stopped me. That was fair; I would have done the same to him. It's another great finish for us, and I think we're in great shape for the final four races."

